San West Health and Housing Collaborative

Healing Ingredients:

How to Build and Sustain an Integrated Permanent Supportive Health and Housing Project in South Los Angeles

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Main Ingredients



A Community of Friends

Lead Agency; Permanent Housing for mentally III and homeless



Lamp Community

Case Management; Site Management & Supervision



Special Services for Groups/Homeless Outreach Program/Integrated Care System

Substance Abuse Services; Mental Health Services, Clinical Supervision



To Help Everyone Clinic (T.H.E.) Inc.

FQHC; primary health, health literacy/education, prevention, lifestyle, disease management and wellness services



3 Public Policy Areas Contributed to Development of The Community Partnership

- Monitor health status of residents to identify and solve community health problems.
- Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and resolve health problems in our area (SPA 6).
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and/or quality of personal and populationbased health services.



Leading causes of DALY's (Disability Adjusted Life Years)
South SPA 6

- 1. Homicide/Violence
- 2. Coronary Heart Disease
- 3. Diabetes Mellitus
- 4. Alcohol Dependence
- 5. Stroke
- 6. Depression
- 7. Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 8. Trachea/Bronchus/Lung Cancer
- 9. Emphysema
- 10. Osteoarthritis



Health Disparities

- * The average life expectancy for African-Americans is almost 7 years less than that of whites.2
- Proportion of healthy years is significantly lower among African Americans than whites₂
- * Fifty percent greater prevalence of hypertension than the general population 2
- * Kidney failure 4 times more frequent than whites 2
- Despair/Depression



Disease Morbidity Rates among the incarcerated population

- * Chronic Disease (asthma, higher; diabetes/HTN lower)
- * Mental Illness (Schizophrenia/psychosis 3-5 times higher; bipolar d/o 1.5-3 times higher)
- * Substance Abuse (83% prior to offense; 33% at time of offense)
- High prevalence of Infectious diseases
 - Active TB (4:1)
 - AIDS (5:1)
 - Hepatitis (9:1)
 - HIV (8-9:1)



Vision

* The San-West Health & Housing Collaborative will deliver a new model in permanent supportive housing to end homelessness for people with special needs.



Mission:

* The mission of the San-West Health & Housing Collaborative is to provide integrated and culturally-relevant services in permanent supportive housing via a multi-agency partnership.



Our Values:

- Access (choice/empowerment) providing accessible options
 empowers people to live healthy lives
- * Choice (respect) everyone's perspective is relevant
- Collaboration partnerships build on the strengths of man....and they drive you crazy



Goals

- * End the cycle of homelessness.
- * Improve physical and mental health status.
- * Help each person achieve the goals of his/her choice.
- Enhance long-term housing stability.
- Reduce/eliminate number of hospitalizations.
- Enhance community integration and maximize selfsufficiency.
- * Increase income and financial stability.
- Substantially improve quality of life.



Project Outcomes

 Improvement in functioning through increased access to, and retention in integrated mental health treatment, primary healthcare, substance abuse recovery services provided by interdisciplinary team in permanent supportive housing for individuals who are formally homeless.







Questions & Answers

Thank You!

